



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

ELECTRONIC CASE FILING (ECF) SYSTEM

## Determining the Date a Document is Filed in CM/ECF

There is ongoing confusion about what determines a transaction's filed date on docket entries in the CM/ECF application. Is this date based on when the transaction started, or when it ended? Or somewhere in between?

*A document filed electronically is deemed filed at the date and time stated on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) from the court. The confusion comes because the NEF includes two dates (an *entered on* date and a *filed on* date).*

These two dates are typically the same but, these dates can be different.

**Notice of Electronic Filing**

The following transaction was **entered on** 9/22/2010 at 8:13 AM CDT and **filed on** 9/22/2010

**Case Name:** InRe Polar Bear

**Case Number:** [1:06-cv-43434-WC](#)

**Filer:**

**Document Number:** 142 (No document attached)

The dates that appear on the NEF are:

- Entered on:

This is the date and time the docket entry is committed to the system. This date and time is captured at the end of docketing (just before the NEF is generated) when the user clicks the final **Next** button.

- Filed on:

**This is the date the entry is considered filed in the court. This date is captured when the event is started, and it defaults to the current date.**

The *entered on* and *filed on* dates can be different for a filing. For example, when an *external* user submits a transaction to the clerk's office before midnight and CM/ECF does not complete the docketing until after midnight, the two dates end up different and display an output similar to the following:

The following transaction was entered on 9/6/2010 at 12:01 AM EST and filed on 9/5/2010.